

COMMANDING OFFICER MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31

HAZING POLICY



THERE IS ONLY ONE RITE OF PASSAGE IN THE MARINE CORPS; **BOOT CAMP**. Anyone that believes that hazing, blood striping, beating, humiliating, etc. is a rite of passage for a promotion, qualification, certification, or award is not deserving of being a Marine leader. Every Marine is a leader, does the right thing, teaches our Corps' Values and supervises to make sure we build an exceptional Marine Corps Team. If there are two Marines manning a gun position as part of the flight line defense, one is senior and in charge. In other words, we are all Marine leaders. Marines earn their promotion, qualification, certification, or award through hard work and dedication to the Marine Corps and our fellow Marines and Sailors. No other Marine has the right to haze

a Marine before they can be called a corporal, CDI, etc.

If you know there will be a hazing event, you will stop it before it destroys those Marine's careers. If you know of a hazing that has occurred, you will report it to your Staff Non-Commissioned Officer and/or OIC to ensure it does not happen again in our Corps. You will have no fear of reprisal. Your report will be kept confidential unless you want it otherwise. Any SNCO or officer that breaks that confidentiality will answer to me.

Hazing only destroys our Corps' Values – honor, courage and commitment. Remember Marines take care of each other first and always!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Lieblein".

WILLIAM R. LIEBLEIN
Colonel, United States Marine Corps

